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Survivor of deadly trip across Canada-US border expected to testify in human smuggling trial

By MICHAEL GOLDBERG

Associated Press

FERGUS FALLS, Minn. (AP) —

An Indian migrant who survived a deadly trek across the Canada-U.S. border in blizzard conditions is expected to testify Tuesday in the federal trial of two men accused of taking part in a sprawling human smuggling scheme that ultimately killed a family of four.

Prosecutors allege Indian national Harshkumar Ramanlal Patel, 29, and Steve Shand, 50, put financial profit over human life when they attempted to smuggle Indian migrants across the border into Minnesota over a five-week period. They say Patel ran part of the smuggling scheme and recruited Shand as a driver. Both men have pleaded not guilty to four federal counts related to human smuggling.

Prosecutors say the family of four — 39-year-old Jagdish Patel; his wife, Vaishaliben, who was in her mid-30s; their 11-year-old daughter, Vihangi; and 3-year-old son, Dharmik — froze to death Jan. 19, 2022, after spending hours wandering in heavy snow and bone-chilling cold. Shand had been waiting in a truck for 11 migrants, including the family from Gujarat state, as the wind chill reached minus 36 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 38 degrees Celsius). The witness expected to testify Tuesday, Yash Patel, is one of two people who managed to reach Shand on the other side of the border. He was arrested along with Shand after a border patrol officer pulled them over before they could escape, prosecutors said.

Patel is a common Indian surname and the victims were not related to Harsh-



In an image released by the U.S. Attorney's Office, shows how the migrants who survived the crossing were terribly inadequately dressed.

Kumar Patel.

Prosecutors began building their case Tuesday by calling witnesses who spoke of the brutal conditions under which the Patel family trudged through vast, snow-filled fields and high winds. Daryl Ritchison, a climatologist and director of the North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network, said temperatures were abnormally cold that January morning and that frostbite can occur within 10 minutes in those conditions.

Troy Larson, a mechanic, said he helped dig a van belonging to a man matching Shand's description out of a ditch on the side of a desolate stretch of road that morning. Larson described the area as an arctic tundra. Inside the van allegedly driven by Shand, Larson said he observed a person wrapped in a blanket and a child. The van was pulled over by a border patrol agent a short time later and Shand was arrested.

Shand and Harshkumar Patel knew the winter weather conditions were extreme but chose to go forward with a plan to smuggle migrants across the border on foot anyway, prosecutor

Associated Press

Ryan Lipes said Monday in his opening statement. "The migrants were dropped at a dark, isolated part of the Canadian border nowhere near a legal port of entry," Lipes said. When Jagdish Patel's body was found, he was holding Dharmik, who was wrapped in a blanket, prosecutors added.

"This case is about these two men putting profit over people's lives, profit they earned by smuggling migrants from India across the Canadian border into the U.S.," Lipes told the jury. Attorney Thomas Leinenweber said his client, Harshkumar Patel, should never have been charged. Leinenweber said in his opening statement that no one would testify Patel ever talked about a smuggling conspiracy or provided visual evidence of his involvement.

"One of the worst feelings universally that anyone could feel is when you are wrongfully accused," Leinenweber said. Shand's attorney, Lisa Lopez, asked the jury to differentiate between the two defendants. She said Shand was an unwitting participant in the smuggling ring.

"Mr. Shand was used by



In an undated image released by the U.S. Attorney's Office, shows items found in a migrant child's backpack.

Associated Press.

Mr. Patel. And being used

does not equate under the law to being guilty of conspiracy," Lopez said.

Lopez said Shand and the migrants were duped by Patel and the smuggling network. On Tuesday, Leinenweber argued Shand's defense is antagonistic and prejudicial against his client.

A jury of eight men and six women, including two alternates, was seated Monday afternoon.

Prosecutors plan to show jurors photos of the frozen bodies of Jagdish Patel and his family. The judge allowed the images to remain as evidence over objections from defense attorneys, one of whom argued the photos could cause "extreme prejudice to the jury."

Federal prosecutors say Harshkumar Patel and Shand were part of an international criminal network that scouted for clients in India, got them Canadian student visas, arranged transportation and smuggled them into the U.S., mostly through Washington state or Minnesota.

Prosecutors say Shand told investigators that Patel paid him about \$25,000 for the

five trips.

The U.S. Border Patrol arrested more than 14,000 Indians on the Canadian border in the year ending Sept. 30. By 2022, the Pew Research Center estimates more than 725,000 Indians were living illegally in the U.S., behind only Mexicans and El Salvadorans.

Prosecutors filed court documents showing Harshkumar Patel was in the U.S. illegally after being refused a visa at least five times and that he recruited Shand at a casino near their homes in Deltona, Florida, just north of Orlando.

Over five weeks, court documents show, Patel and Shand often communicated about the bitter cold as they smuggled five groups of Indians over a quiet stretch of the border. One night in December 2021, Shand messaged Patel that it was "cold as hell" while waiting to pick up one group, the documents say. "They going to be alive when they get here?" he allegedly wrote.

During the last trip in January, prosecutors say Shand had messaged Patel, saying: "Make sure everyone is dressed for the blizzard conditions, please." □

Biden appeals to world leaders to stay in the climate fight as Trump shadows his efforts

By AAMER MADHANI

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) —

President Joe Biden made an urgent appeal to fellow world leaders Tuesday to surge money to developing nations to curb climate change as he wrapped up his final appearance at a major international summit. Biden used the closing day's events at the Group of 20 gathering to announce hundreds of millions of dollars in new climate and development pledges and underscore his commitment to stemming the impact of climate-damaging fossil fuels on the planet.

But Biden's end-of-presidency call to leaders of the world's major economies was shadowed by the reality that many of his latest proposals were likely to be blocked and past climate initiatives rolled back under President-elect Donald Trump.

Nonetheless, Biden insisted it was up to the leaders in the room to take on the existential crisis.

It's critical that developing countries have "enough firepower and access to capital" to combat climate change and protect themselves from its effects, Biden told heads of government at a working session.

"We need to continue to give breathing space to countries that are weighed down by debt," Biden said, adding, "We as leaders need to find ways to flow money into their economies."

His administration used an event at the summit hosted by Britain and Brazil to roll out a new U.S. \$325 million contribution to the World Bank to help developing countries move away from climate-damaging fossil fuels.

It was one of a series of U.S. climate and development initiatives Biden announced at the G20.

However, many will require buy-in from Trump, who has shown an aversion to such projects. The presi-



U.S. President Joe Biden, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi react, as world leaders gather for a group photo during the G20 summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024.

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dent-elect has called the climate crisis a "hoax" and signaled plans to pull out of the Paris climate accord as he did in his first term before Biden rejoined.

Trump has treated Democratic efforts on climate with contempt and skepticism. After rolling back environmental efforts and participation in global climate efforts in his first term, Trump campaigned for president with a slogan of "drill, baby, drill." He's vowed to further unleash U.S. oil and gas production, already at record highs.

While debate over U.S. support for Israel in its wars in Gaza and Lebanon has overshadowed much of Biden's foreign policy agenda, he has pointed to efforts against climate change and global poverty as legacies of his presidency.

Biden's administration early on achieved the most comprehensive climate legislation in U.S. history, the Inflation Reduction Act, which pumped hundreds of billions of dollars into clean energy, electric vehicles and other projects.

Trump has pledged to shut down further funding under Biden's climate act, calling it "the Green New Scam."

Touring Brazil's Amazon

rainforest Sunday in the first such visit by a sitting U.S. president, Biden vowed that the fight to move the world to cleaner, climate-friendly energy would continue no matter what.

"It's true, some may seek to deny or delay the clean energy revolution that's underway in America," Biden said over the weekend from a podium set up on a sandy forest bed. "But nobody, nobody can reverse it, nobody not when so many people, regardless of party or politics, are enjoying its benefits."

On Tuesday, Biden called the world's forests "some of the most powerful and valuable tools in the fight against climate change. □



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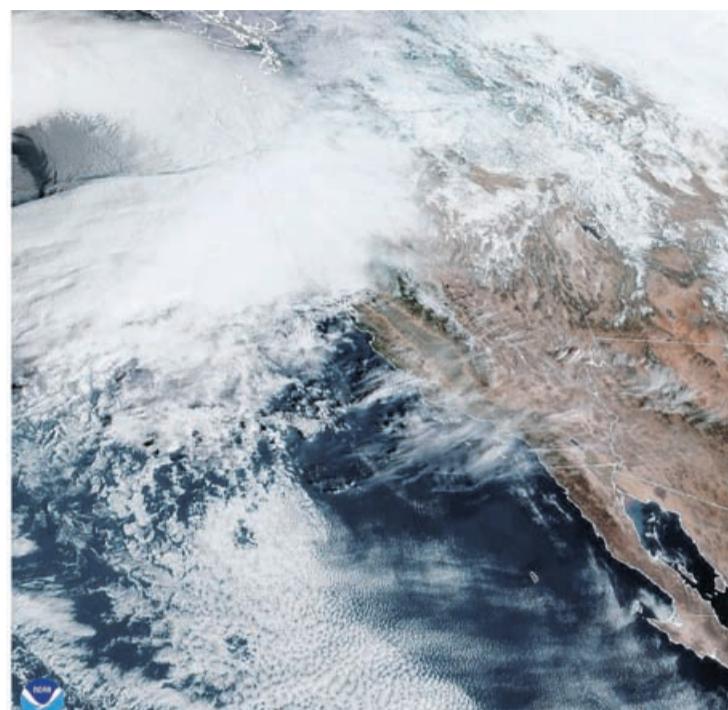
'Bomb cyclone' threatens Northern California and Pacific Northwest

By HALLIE GOLDEN and CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Northern California and the Pacific Northwest are bracing for what is expected to be a powerful storm, with heavy rain and winds set to pummel the region and potentially cause power outages and flash floods.

The Weather Prediction Center issued excessive rainfall risks beginning Tuesday and lasting through Friday as the strongest atmospheric river long plumes of moisture stretching far over the Pacific Ocean that California and the Pacific Northwest has seen this season bears down on the region. The storm system has intensified so quickly that it is considered a "bomb cyclone," explained Richard Bann, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center.

The areas that could see particularly severe rainfall as the large plume of moisture heads toward land will likely stretch from the south of Portland, Oregon, to the north of the San Francisco



This satellite image taken, Nov. 19, 2024, and provided by NOAA, shows weather gathering in northern California and the Pacific Northwest.

area, he explained.

"Be aware of the risk of flash flooding at lower elevations and winter storms at higher elevations. This is going to be an impactful event," he said.

In northern California, flood and high wind watches go into effect Tuesday, with up to 8 inches (20 centimeters) of rain predicted for parts of the San Francisco Bay

Area, North Coast and Sacramento Valley.

A winter storm watch was issued for the northern Sierra Nevada above 3,500 feet (1,066 meters), where 15 inches (28 centimeters) of snow was possible over two days. Wind gusts could top 75 mph (120 kph) in mountain areas, forecasters said.

"Numerous flash floods,

hazardous travel, power outages and tree damage can be expected as the storm reaches max intensity" on Wednesday, the Weather Prediction Center warned.

Meanwhile, Southern California this week will see dry conditions amid gusty Santa Ana winds that could raise the risk of wildfires in areas where crews are still mopping up a major blaze that destroyed 240 structures. The Mountain Fire, which erupted Nov. 6 in Ventura County northwest of Los Angeles, was about 98% contained on Monday. Winds will calm by the end of the week, when rain is possible for the greater Los Angeles area.

In southwestern Oregon near the coast, 4 to 7 inches (10 to 18 centimeters) of rain is predicted with as much as 10 inches (25 centimeters) possible in some areas through late Thursday night and early Friday morning, Bann said. A high wind warning has been issued for the north and central Oregon coast beginning at 4 p.m. Tuesday with south winds from

25 mph (40 kph) to 40 mph (64 kph), with gusts to 60 mph (97 kph) expected, according to the weather service in Portland. Gusts up to 70 mph (113 kph) are possible on beaches and headlands. Widespread power outages are expected with winds capable of bringing down trees and power lines, the weather service said. Travel is also expected to be difficult. Washington could also see strong rainfall, but likely not as bad as Oregon and California. From Monday evening through Tuesday, some of its coastal ranges could get as much as 1.5 inches (3.8 centimeters) of rain, Bann said.

The weather service warned of high winds from Tuesday afternoon until early Wednesday for coastal parts of Pacific County, in southwest Washington. With gusts potentially topping 35 mph (46 kph) and likely faster near beaches and headlands trees and power lines are at risk of being knocked down, the Pacific County Emergency Management Agency warned. □

Hakeem Jeffries wins reelection as House Democratic leader despite party's losses

By LISA MASCARO
AP Congressional Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Leader Hakeem Jeffries won reelection Tuesday as the Democratic leader, receiving support

from his colleagues despite the party's inability to win back majority control of the chamber in the November election.

Jeffries and the top House Democratic leadership a trio of younger generation

leaders along with Democratic Whip Katherine Clark of Massachusetts and Democratic Caucus Chairman Pete Aguilar of California all won their reelections in the private balloting of House Democrats.

"We are prepared to work hard to find bipartisan common ground with our Republican colleagues and the incoming administration on any issue, whenever and wherever possible," said Jeffries, of New York, flanked by the leadership team at the Capitol.

"But at the same period of time we will push back against far-right extremism whenever necessary," Jeffries said.

In line to become the House speaker, Jeffries of New York remains the high-

est ranking Black elected official in Congress, and the first to hold the job of party leader.

He fell short of being in place to win the gavel after Republicans swept to power alongside President-elect Donald Trump, winning control of the White House, the Senate and the House.

While the Democratic leader will be the party's nominee for House speaker when the new Congress convenes in January, the gavel is expected to go to Speaker Mike Johnson as Republicans continue to hold the majority in the new year.

Jeffries and the House Democratic leadership team took over when Speaker Emerita Nancy

Pelosi stepped aside from leadership two years ago, and the other top leaders also made way for the new era.

House Democrats picked up a few seats in hard-fought regions, including Jeffries' home state of New York and in California. But they also lost seats elsewhere and failed to topple some GOP incumbents, and overall there was little change in the House.

Jeffries said despite the GOP's claims of a sweeping mandate to govern, their numbers in the House are essentially at a draw with Democrats. "This notion of some mandate to make massive, far right, extreme policy changes, it doesn't exist it doesn't exist," Jeffries said. □



House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., speaks during a news conference at the Capitol in Washington, Friday, Nov. 15, 2024.

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Residents in Haiti's capital stand with police in a battle to repel the latest gang attack

By EVENS SANON

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— Gangs launched a fresh attack on Haiti's capital early Tuesday, targeting an upscale community in Port-au-Prince where gunmen clashed with residents who fought side-by-side with police.

The attack on Pétionville was led by the Viv Ansanm group, whose leader, former elite police officer Jimmy Chérizier, had announced the plan in a video posted on social media. At least 28 suspected gang members were killed and hundreds of munitions seized, according to Lionel Lazarre, deputy spokesman for Haiti's National Police.

It was not immediately clear if police had prepared for the attack or tried to preventively protect Pétionville given that Chérizier, who is also known as Barbecue, had announced plans to attack it. Lazarre did not



Journalists take cover from the exchange of gunfire between gangs and police in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Monday, Nov. 11, 2024.

Associated Press

return a message for comment.

Eyewitnesses told The Associated Press that residents were angered by yet another gang attack on their community. They said some

of the suspected gunmen were decapitated or had their feet cut off, while bodies were placed in a pile and set on fire.

The pre-dawn attack began when two trucks carry-

ing suspected gang members entered Pétionville. One of the trucks blocked the main entrance to the community.

Chérizier had threatened reprisals against the man-

agement and staff of any hotels in the area where politicians or "oligarchs" may have taken refuge.

Gunmen also attacked the neighboring community of Canapé Vert and other areas. Local resident Richard Derosier said he heard gunfire and saw a man running around carrying a large machine gun.

"I asked God, 'Are you going to let them save my life?'" Derosier recalled.

The attack comes days after gang violence forced Haiti's main international airport to shut down for the second time this year as the country swore in a new prime minister following political infighting.

On Nov. 11, gunmen opened fire on a Spirit Airlines plane as it prepared to land, wounding a flight attendant. The shooting prompted the airport to close and several airlines to temporarily cancel flights to Port-au-Prince. □

Scholz's party struggles to quell debate over whether he should seek a second term as German leader

By GEIR MOULSON

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — While Chancellor Olaf Scholz meets world leaders in Brazil, a discussion is swirling in his party at home about whether he should seek a second term as German leader in an early election expected in February.

Unlike their rivals, Scholz's center-left Social Democrats haven't yet formally nominated their candidate for chancellor in the vote expected Feb. 23. And that is generating persistent speculation that the party might instead choose to run with Defense Minister Boris Pistorius, who enjoys higher popularity. Party leaders and Cabinet ministers insist that Scholz will be the candidate but have struggled to tamp down talk of a switch.

Two influential lawmakers said late Monday that Scholz's "current standing is strongly linked with the ...

coalition" that he led until it collapsed two weeks ago in a dispute about how to revive Germany's stagnant economy.

Wiebke Esdar and Dirk Wiese, who lead a group of Social Democratic lawmakers from North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany's most populous state, said in a statement that while Scholz's work and decisions will be judged far more positively "at some distance," a debate is playing out in lawmakers' districts.

"In the center is the question of what the best political lineup is now for this election," they said. "We are hearing a lot of compliments for Boris Pistorius. It is clear that ultimately the party committees will decide on the question of the candidacy for chancellor, and that is also the right place for it."

Scholz doesn't have a formal position in the party leadership, but Social Dem-

ocrat leaders have stood firmly behind Scholz even as polls show support for the party stuck around 16% — roughly half the level of the center-right opposition Union bloc, which is in the lead.

That compares with the 25.7% it scored to narrowly win the 2021 election, in which Scholz then a well-regarded vice chancellor and finance minister was able to come from behind and present himself as the safest pair of hands against rivals who struggled with gaffes and party infighting. The chancellor's popularity declined along with the standing of his coalition with the environmentalist Greens and the pro-business Free Democrats, which gained a reputation for incessant squabbling and poor communication while presiding over a weak economy. Its troubles came to a head on Nov. 6, when Scholz fired Finance

Minister Christian Lindner and Lindner's Free Democrats quit the government. Scholz plans to call a confidence vote in parliament for Dec. 16. He's expected to lose that, paving the way for Germany's president to dissolve parliament and call the new election seven months before it was originally planned.

Scholz has made clear for months that he intends to

run for a second term.

Hours before the intervention by Esdar and Wiese, the Social Democrats' co-leader, Saskia Esken, reiterated her support.

"We are determined to go into the election campaign with Olaf Scholz and to win this election together with him," Esken told ARD television. "He is ... our chancellor, our candidate for chancellor." □



German Chancellor Olaf Scholz attends the Bundestag's Committee of Inquiry into Afghanistan, in Berlin Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024.

Associated Press

Iran defies international pressure, increasing its stockpile of near weapons-grade uranium, UN says

By STEPHANIE LIECHTENSTEIN
Associated Press

VIENNA (AP)—Iran has defied international demands to rein in its nuclear program and has increased its stockpile of uranium enriched to near weapons-grade levels, according to a confidential report by the United Nations' nuclear watchdog seen Tuesday by The Associated Press.

The report by the International Atomic Energy Agency said that as of Oct. 26, Iran has 182.3 kilograms (401.9 pounds) of uranium enriched up to 60%, an increase of 17.6 kilograms (38.8 pounds) since the last report in August.

Uranium enriched at 60% purity is just a short, technical step away from weapons-grade levels of 90%.

The IAEA also estimated in its quarterly report that as of Oct. 26, Iran's overall stockpile of enriched uranium stands at 6,604.4 kilograms (14,560 pounds), an increase of 852.6 kilograms (1,879.6 pounds) since August.

Under the IAEA's definition, around 42 kilograms (92.5 pounds) of uranium enriched to 60% purity is the amount at which creating one atomic weapon is theoretically possible — if the material is enriched further, to 90%.

The reports come at a critical time as Israel and Iran have traded missile attacks in recent months after more than a year of war in Gaza, which is governed by Hamas, a group supported by Iran.

Adding to the complexity, Donald Trump's reelection raises questions about whether and how the incoming administration and Iran may engage.

Trump's first term in office was marked by a particularly troubled period, when he pursued a policy of "maximum pressure" against Tehran.

He unilaterally withdrew America from Iran's nuclear deal with world powers, leading to the sanctions hobbling the economy, and ordered the killing of



The flag of the International Atomic Energy Agency flies in front of its headquarters during an IAEA Board of Governors meeting in Vienna, Austria, on Feb. 6, 2023.

Associated Press



International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi, left, shakes hands with Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi during their meeting in Tehran, Iran, Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024.

Associated Press

the country's top general. Western diplomats consider censuring Iran

Iran last week offered not to expand its stockpile of uranium enriched up to 60%, during a visit to Tehran by the IAEA chief, Rafael Mariano Grossi.

The IAEA said during the meetings, "the possibility of Iran not further expanding its stockpile of uranium enriched up to 60% U-235" was discussed, including technical verification measures necessary for the Agency to confirm this, if implemented."

The report said that one day after Grossi left Iran, on Nov. 16, IAEA inspectors verified that "Iran had begun implementation of preparatory measures aimed at stopping the increase of its stockpile of uranium enriched up to 60% U-235" at its underground nuclear sites in Fordow and Natanz.

The reports come ahead of this week's regular IAEA Board of Governors meeting in Vienna. Western countries have been considering a resolution censuring Iran for its failure to improve cooperation with

However, Tuesday's confidential report also said that during Grossi's visit to Iran on Nov. 14, "Iran agreed to respond to the Agency's concerns related to Iran's withdrawal of the designation of several experienced Agency inspectors by considering the acceptance of the designation of four additional experienced inspectors."

In September 2023, Iran barred some of the Vienna-based agency's most experienced inspectors.

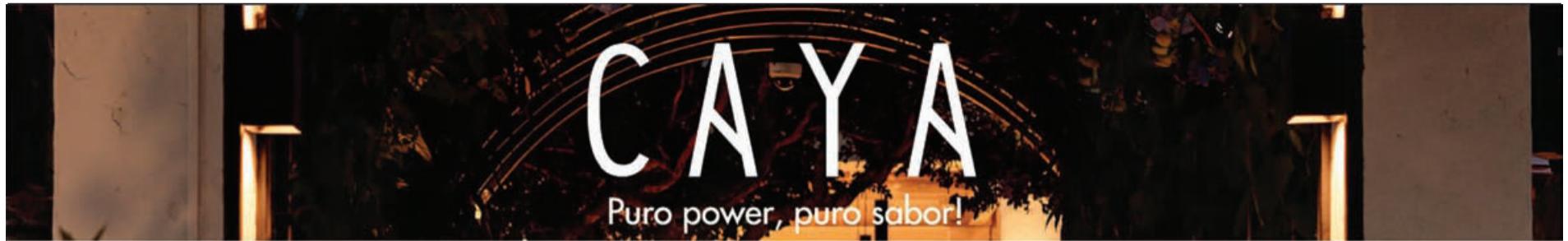
The report also said there was no progress thus far in reinstalling more monitoring equipment, including cameras, removed in June 2022. Since then, the only recorded data comes from IAEA cameras installed at a centrifuge workshop in Isfahan in May 2023 although Iran has not provided the IAEA with access to this data and inspectors have not been able to service the cameras.

Last week, Eslami warned that Iran could retaliate if challenged at the upcoming IAEA board meeting. Grossi acknowledged some nations were considering taking action against Iran.

In an effort to ensure Iran could not develop atomic weapons, world powers struck a deal with Tehran in 2015 under which it agreed to limit enrichment of uranium to levels necessary for nuclear power in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions. U.N. inspectors were tasked with monitoring the program.

Under the original 2015 nuclear deal, Iran was allowed to enrich uranium only up to 3.67% purity, can maintain a stockpile of uranium of 300 kilograms and is permitted to use only very basic IR-1 centrifuges, machines that spin uranium gas at high speed for enrichment purposes.

A year after the U.S. withdrawal from the deal under Donald Trump, Iran started to gradually abandon all limits the deal put on its program and began enriching uranium to up to 60% purity. □



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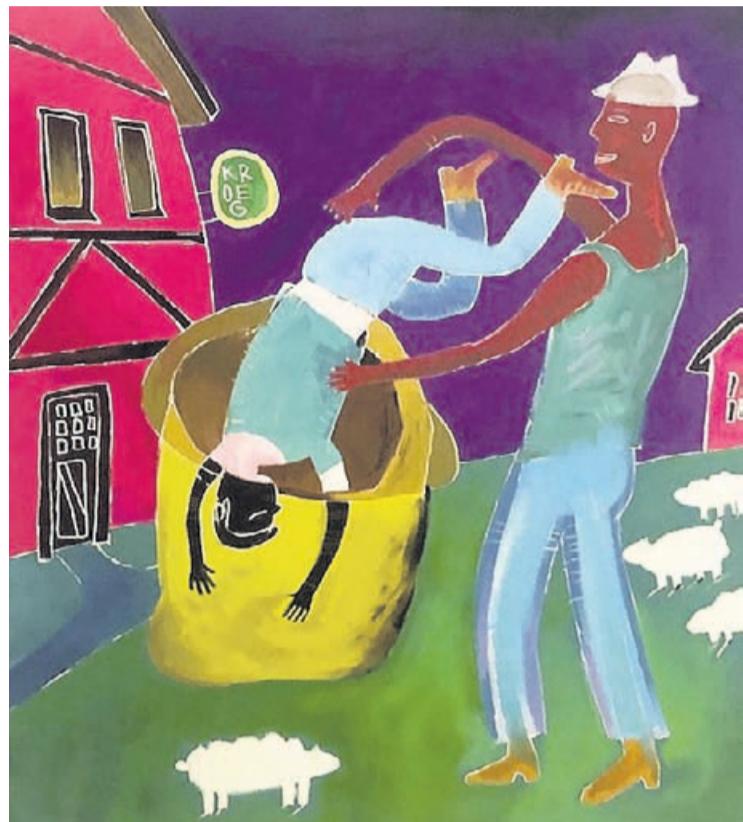
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The stories of “Compa Nanzi”



(Oranjestad)—The most popular character you may hear about in the Caribbean is Anansi, known locally on Aruba as “Compa Nanzi”. Local children grew up hearing the tales of the conniving spider, and his legacy forms part of the oral narrative tradition that is common in Aruba.

Although the stories are most popular in the Caribbean, “Compa Nanzi” is not entirely unknown globally, especially not in the West African region. Brought to the “new world” by enslaved Africans from Ghana, the historical thread of how Nanzi was introduced on Aruba follows the enslaved Africans in Curacao during the colonial era, which saw the biggest population of enslaved Africans in the Dutch Caribbean.

The stories of Compa Nanzi were a sign of hope for freedom among the slaves, who passed around different stories involving the famous spider through word of mouth, due to not being able to express their native

culture in the new world. These stories were a way to not only preserve their culture, but it acted as a medium for relief during the harsh treatment to which they were subjected to.

It wasn’t until the end of the nineteenth century that the stories of Nanzi were written down in different languages. However, not all stories are completely alike in every country, as is the risk of oral story telling. However, one thing will always be dominant in Compa Nanzi’s stories: his sneaky ways to get what he wants!

How Nanzi fooled the king One day Nanzi was taking a stroll near the castle of Shon Arei, the king. He had this sudden urge to walk in. He didn’t think too much about it and committed to what he had in mind. It was a warm afternoon, and the castle personnel were taking their afternoon nap.

Even the soldier guarding the castle door was fast asleep, snoring so loud that his beard bounced up and down on his chin. Nanzi just slipped past him, looked back for a moment then

walk right on in.

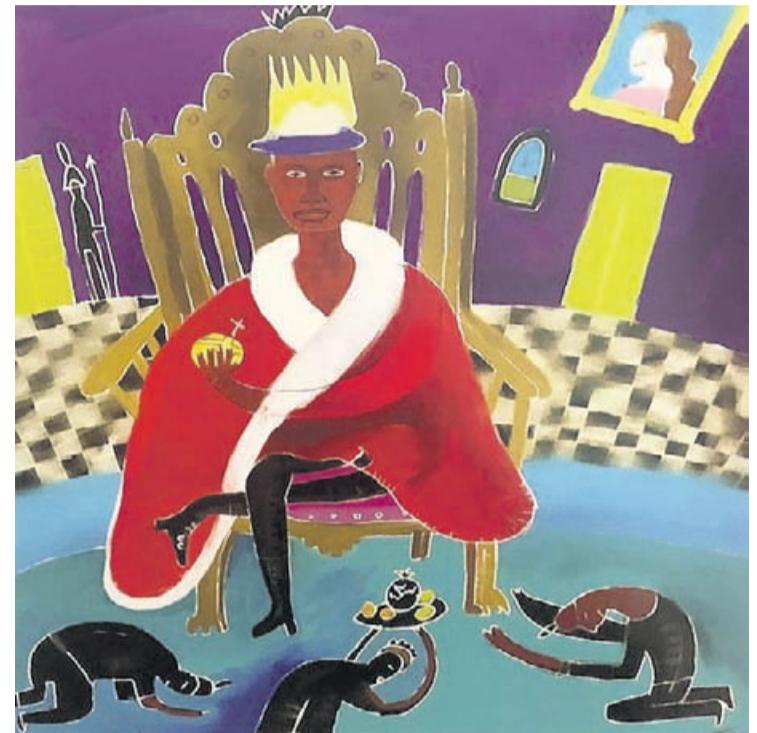
Nanzi stumbled upon the king’s quarters. With all his excitement he sat in the king’s throne, and put on his crown that was hanging on the side of the throne. It was very hot that day, and it wasn’t long until Nanzi too fell asleep, right there on the king’s throne. He was so deep in sleep and snoring so loud, that even when the king found him in his seat, Nanzi did not even notice.

Shon Arei was flabbergasted by the sight of Nanzi on his throne, wearing his crown. How disrespectful! “Soldiers, get him!” he commanded. Nanzi was sound asleep, but when the soldiers picked him up, he jumped from fright. By then though, the soldier already had him in their hold. “Put him in a sack, stitch it up and throw him in the ocean!” the king said furiously. Two soldiers immediately entered the chamber, took the crown off Nanzi’s head and pushed him in a sack.

Nanzi was terrified; it looks like this time he won’t get away with his schemes. To get to the ocean, the soldier walked a long distance, and where beginning to feel very thirsty. Luckily they passed by a pub, and decided to have a nice cold beer. They set the sack with Nanzi in it outside and went to enjoy the refreshments. Nanzi was still trembling with fear in the sack.

What is that he hears? A herd of sheep walking by? “Compadre, listen here!” Nanzi screamed as loud as he could. The sheep herder got close to the sack. “What is this?”

“Man, there is something very beautiful in here that you can see. It’s very rare and strange, but indeed, there is something so beau-



tiful in here that you’ve never seen or will ever see,” Nanzi told the herder.

The herder, very dumb, believed Nanzi’s word. “Let me see!” he said.

“Well if you must insist,” Nanzi said, “I’ll let you take a look, but only for a quick second.” The herder opened the sack, and Nanzi immediately jumped out. Before the herder could even take a look into the sack, Nanzi pushed him in it, and the herder fell head first in.

Nanzi didn’t waste any time, and closed off the sack real tight. He then picked up the herder’s hat and starting walking behind the traveling sheep as if nothing happened. After a little while, the soldiers headed back outside to continue their journey. As they picked up the sack, the poor herder started screaming to let him out, but the soldiers ignored him, thinking it was Nanzi.

Shon Arei went strolling a while later. He thought to himself: “This time Nanzi could not get away with his foolishness. He probably drowned in that sack ages ago.” That is why, when he saw Nanzi walk behind the herd of sheep on the street,

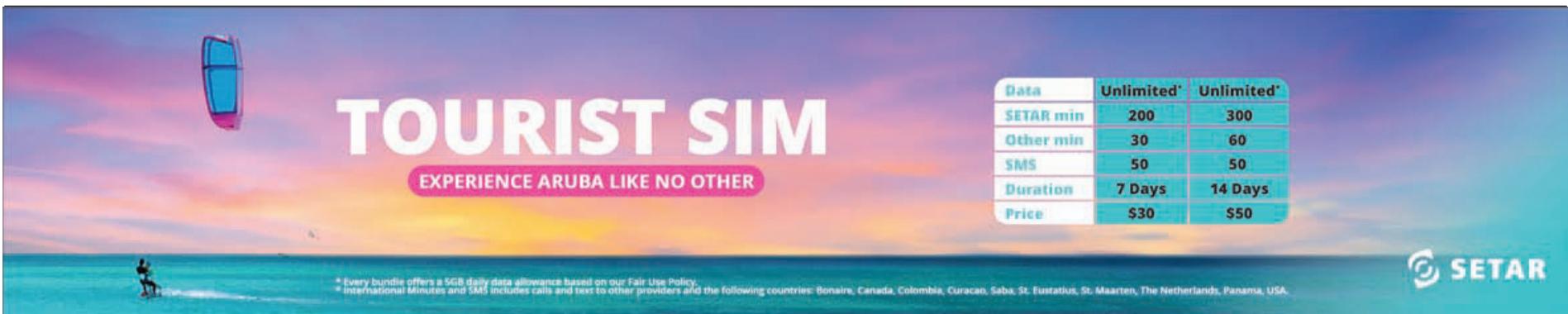
again. “Nanzi! Aren’t you suppose to be at the bottom of the ocean floor?”

“I was, Your Majesty,” Nanzi replied. But you know what, there is so many things to see down there in the sack! Like this herd of sheep. Seeing that they had no herder, I started walking behind them and gained their trust pretty quickly. At the bottom of the ocean there are so many wonderful things, like diamonds, and bags of gold. Chests of silver and other precious stones,” Nanzi told the king.

“What is that you say?” the king was intrigued. “I want to see it too!”

The king immediately demanded to his soldiers to be put in a sack and be placed in the ocean. Naturally, Shon Arei died because of this. He was never found again. Nanzi followed the soldier back to the castle, where sat once again on the late king’s thrown and put his crown on. He took possession of all of Shon Arei’s belongings, and lived the rest of his life as king. □

Story and pictures are from “Kon Nanzi a Nek Shon Arei (i otro kuentanan antiano di e araña sabi)” by Nilda Pinto.



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The Lionfish

And its threat to our marine wild life



(Oranjestad)—Despite its colorful and striking appearance, the lionfish has become a Caribbean-wide problem for Atlantic sea life. The Aruban marine wild life is also affected by this beautiful dilemma, as it is foreign to our waters and has become a danger to our local fish and reefs.

Originating from the Indo-Pacific Ocean, the lionfish is a relatively small fish. It has no teeth, but it does

protect itself against predators using its sharp, colorful spikes. It is said that the sting of a lionfish can be up to 100 times more painful than that of a bee's sting.

Its natural predators in the Indo-Pacific are sharks and barracudas, but in the Caribbean Sea, local fish do not recognize the lionfish as part of their diet. In other words, the lionfish has no predators in the Caribbean Sea. And this becomes a

major problem for our local marine life; if there are no predators to stimulate population control of lionfish, these fish can continue to reproduce and expand to other parts of the Atlantic, become more invasive and dangerous for other types of fish.

For Aruba, the lionfish is a problem especially for our local coral reefs. According to Patrick van Brakel, lionfish expert and hunter from the Hunting Lionfish Aruba foundation, every reef has a "cleaning station"—tiny fish that eat algae and other types of waste on a reef, thus maintaining the reef's health and providing food to the fish population in the area. However, as the lionfish feeds off of these tiny fish, it becomes harder for the coral reef to maintain its health.

Patrick also shares the origins of lionfish in the Caribbean Sea. It is theorized that the introduction of these fish in the Atlantic happened in Florida,



where people would buy lionfish from across the world to keep in their aquariums. However, lionfish grow, and as these buyers realized that the fish were too much upkeep, they were let out into the ocean to roam free. From continental USA, the lionfish travelled to and invaded the entire Caribbean area, from Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao up to New York. In Aruba, lionfish were discovered in 2009.

Controlling the lionfish population is challenge, as each female fish can lay up to 40,000 eggs a day. Luckily, we have people like van Brakel who dedicate their

lives hunting and capturing these invasive species, using them for consumption and jewelry making.

They are caught with a hand spear, an object resembling a garbage picker with 4 sharp prongs. These spears are used like a sling shot to catch lionfish from a distance. These fish are then put into a collecting tube and taken out of the water. Van Brakel not only catches them himself, but also cooks them for locals and tourists at The LionFish Snack Aruba in Paradera. This way, he does his part in protecting the local wild life. □

Prohibited by law: leaving the island with seashells, white sand or corals



(Oranjestad)—Often times, the customs department at the airport intercepts many tourists leaving the island with seashells, white sand and/or corals as souvenirs.

Conforming to the international treaty of CITES and our local law which protects our Flora & Fauna, it is absolutely prohibited to take any seashell, sand and coral outside of Aruba. This is to protect our environment. The high number of seashells, coral and amount of sand confiscated is very strange and it is suspected that our own locals are the ones selling these to the tourists, which is unacceptable.

Upon confiscation at the airport, you can also face a fine that they have to

pay before leaving. This is surely not a pleasant experience for the tourist. This also leads to a negative reaction which can put our tourism in a negative light.

Though we love to accommodate our visitors, let's all give nature the respect it deserves by protecting our environment. Stop collecting seashells, white sand and corals from our shores and stop buying or accepting these from local sellers or companies.

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Lessons from our elders: Plants and fruits for medicinal use

(Oranjestad)—Though western medicine is now widely used for common illnesses and to keep our bodies healthy and happy, it is still very common in every household in Aruba (and around the world) to have staple home remedies that is passed on through generations. Here are some tips that our elders have passed on to us over the years.



Pineapple has more uses than topping it on your Christmas ham. According to elders, the skin of a pineapple is great to use to refresh your body. Clean the skin thoroughly and make tea or warapa* with it. It is said that this tea can also be drank after an operation on the ovaries or uterus. This gets rid of irritation and inflammation.

When the fruit is unripe and green, this can be used to stimulate menstruation flow in women. This also stimulates the passing kidney stones. When ripe, the fruit can be used for poisoning in the gut and can help treat rheumatic diseases, like arthritis.

However, breastfeeding women who cannot produce much milk are advised not to consume too pineapple, and people with acid reflux are recommended to not



consume any pineapple at all.

Arrowroot

Arrowroot is native to tropical America and can be sold as a powder or whole. It is said that you can take arrowroot powder and make a "shalup" (porridge) for stomach pain or when you're feeling weak. You can make it with milk too, but it is advised to best use just water. You can also add prunes for a bit of sweetness. Arrowroot shalup is also good to treat an unhealthy gut or for diarrhea.

To make arrowroot shalup, boil a bit of water and add one tablespoon of arrowroot powder and stir continuously until you reach porridge consistency. If you make a shalup with milk, add a pinch of salt. Raw arrowroot powder can be used to powder babies.

Eggplant/Aubergine

Eggplants, or aubergines, are easy to find in supermarkets around the world and can be grown all year round on the island. Related to potato and tomato, eggplants are



good to calm nerves. It can also be used to lower blood pressure, by steeping its leaves in boiled water and drinking it. You can also make eggplant juice to help purify your blood. However, do make sure to drink slowly; let it mix with your spit and then swallow.

Eggplant kataplan* can also be used to treat skin tumors, abscesses and hemorrhoids. Eggplant kataplan can also be used externally to treat arthritis.

*warapa: term referring to a water and sugar solution, a.k.a simple syrup.

*kataplan: porridge-like mixture used externally for wounds or parts of the body that are painful or swollen. □

Aruba's neighborhoods; the meaning behind their names

Just like any other country, Aruba has unique and beautifully named neighborhoods that all form a part of its culture and development. Many of these names have a historical background and meaning that teaches us about the island and its rich culture every day.

With this series, we want to take you on a journey of discovery, where you'll learn not only the beautiful names but the history behind it that gives it life and meaning.

Ayo

Ayo, or Ayo, is a word with Arawak-

Indian origin. A (or Ha) is an Indo-Antillean generalizing word. If you were to change a part of the word "Ayo", namely 'Yo', to 'Yu' and make 'Ayu', it would mean "white."

However, as we now know, the name of the neighborhood is 'Ayo'. The word 'Yo' stands for Yocahu, which is another word for 'creator' in Arawak/Taino and in the Papiamento spoken today, 'Ayo' means 'bye'.

At Ayo, you can find some of the most well known rock formations. These formations became a well

loved and visited attraction at Aruba that is held in high regards by both tourists and locals alike.

If you'd like to know more about the rock formations at Ayo, stay tuned for our article where we tell you all about its location and history.

This neighborhood's abbreviation is; A.

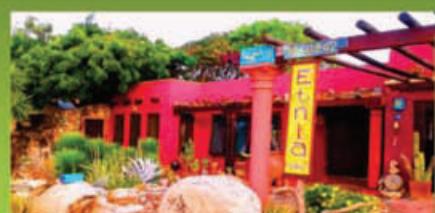
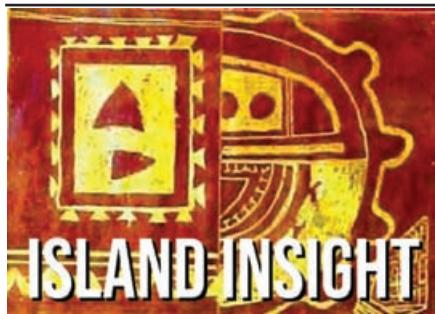
Alto Vista

This word combination can be roughly translated to a 'high point of view' and the neighborhood re-

ceived this name from the Hill.

In the surrounding areas, Domingo Antonia Silvestre built his by his own means the very first chapel or church of Aruba. The walls of this church were made with rocks but the roof was made of dry corn stalks. The church was inaugurated by father Pablo Algemesi

If you'd like to know more about the Alto Vista Church's beautiful history, stay tuned for our article where we tell you all you need to know about it for when you visit it. This neighborhood's abbreviation is; AV. □



Article by Etnia Nativa

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There are many folktales regarding the origin of some names of Aruba's places, with a close relationship to oral tradition, and in this episode, Etnia Nativa shares about the old Savaneta's harbor known as "Commanders' Bay."

The story goes as follows: It all took place in the area where a cruel commander named "Jahrman" used to force Caquetians native to carry cactus branches as weapons on their bare shoulders. One day the natives thought it was enough so, they abducted this Jahrman tied him to a horse and made the horse galloped off in to the sea until Jahrman perished; However another story tells us that the natives put Jahrman under a spell which made him jump on his

horse of his own free will spurred out to sea with the same dire consequences and the place has been called "Commanders' Bay", ever since. Is not surprised if the natives really got rid of the commander in that way! But the truth is, not because of this event that the bay received its name, but the fact that the Dutch commanders had their residence there closed to the sea and was the only stone house at that time. The fact is that the story coincides with the Papiamento sentence: Comandeur, bai" which means: "Commander, go away."

Historical evidence of mistreatment or violent deaths of Aruba's governors is in suspense. While some historians deny that they know or ever heard of Commander Jahrman or the time in which he had settled in the Bay Area; in 1837 Commander Jacobus Jarman, without the "h", arrived at our island, at a time when the capital city Oranjes-

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tad already existed, so we conclude that this Commander Jarman has no connection with the one mentioned in the history of Commander's Bay. The truth is that the bay did not get its name because a commander has been chased into the sea there, but because the commanders used to live near the natives village.

The real historical fact is that Aruba natives lived-before the colonial era-on the southern coast. Commanders' Bay, consequently, became the neighborhood now called Savaneta, the first capital of Aruba. Official documents confirm; around 1825 that Reverend Bosch notes the following: --"Formerly the commander and his family lived at Commanders' Bay, which still bears this name. It is situated a few miles to the east. The only sign that I found that the main residence of the island had ever been on its shore were some Masonic graves, close together, which, from the names and dates inscribed on them, seemed to be centuries old." while in 1853 Father H.J. de Vries notes: --"At Commanders' Bay, situated three hours' drive east of Playa, which later became Oranjestad, there was only one stone house - that one of the Commander; in the desert are still found Masonic graves, in a state of decay, of the commander and his family." A document from the Public Record Office, Letters and Documents Relating to Curaçao—Protocols volume 1727, No. 112, removes the last vestige of doubt that the place close to the shore line was known as such. The name Savaneta originated during the latter part of the 19th century.



If you liked native stories and are interested in diving deeper into learning the true identity of Aruba, a visit to Etnia Nativa would be a fantastic choice. Since 1994, Etnia Nativa, which means "native ethnicity," has been a trendsetting entity and has been a co-founder of projects such as Arikok National Park, the Archaeological Museum, and the Artisan Foundation, among others; every week, this newspaper shares its valuable knowledge. Don't miss the opportunity to feel the island's spirit through real stories that are not just remembered; they resonate, they're felt, and they stir souls to the bone. WhatsApp +297 592 2702 etnianativa03@gmail.com. □

Fruit Loose & Veggie Boost: Aruban fruits and vegetables

Fresh fruits make a tropical holiday's picture complete. Whether you see the mangoes hanging in the trees or the fresh fruit cocktail on the side table of your pool bed, the link is there: you are in the tropics. Aruba grows her own fruits and veggies and there are some pretty out-of-space local species you may never had heard of, but really healthy and delicious.

Mispel

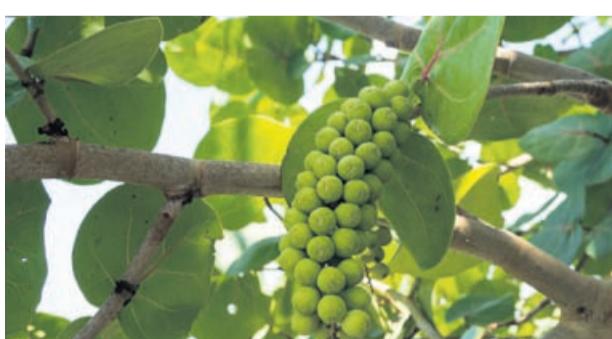
This is a fruit with a character (5-10 cm/2-4 inches). It does not ripe until it is picked or falls off the tree. Mispel is hard with a sandpaper like texture when immature, soft and juicy when ripe. It's technically a berry, but contains a skin similar to that of a kiwi. It's grainy and sweet, with a light, musky flavor. The sap or gum from the tree is also a source of 'chicle' the original ingredient used to make chewing gum. Rich in tannins, antioxidants shown to contain anti-inflammatory compounds, and vitamin C, essential for healthy immune function. Season: year-round.

Kenepa



Ovoid green fruit that grows in bunches on trees up to 30m high. The fruit is related to the lychee and have tight, thin but rigid skins. Inside the skin is the tart, tangy, or sweet pulp of the fruit covering a large seed. The pulp is usually cream or orange colored. Kenepa strengthens the immune system, and prevents the reproduction of bacteria and viruses in the body. This fruit is highly recommended to treat lung infections and urinary tract infections. It also helps to cure insomnia and rejuvenates the nervous system. Season: the fruit typically ripen during the summer.

Druif



There is no chance you did not bump into one of the sea grape trees while spending your vacation on Aruba. The sea grape plant is often used in ocean-side landscaping in sandy soil right on the beach and it produces clusters of

fruit that resemble grapes. Are sea grapes edible? Yes, they are. Animals enjoy sea grapes and humans can eat them as well, and they are used to make jam. They contain very low calories and sugar, enabling good bacterium to digest food and excrete waste quickly which is effective in preventing constipation. Season: Sep-Oct.

Shimarucu



Maybe Aruba's most popular wild fruit tree. You may have noticed cars at the side of the road and people picking those red berries. Well, that's Shimarucu. The local habit to stop for these delicious fruits goes from generation to generation. Its fruit's degree of sour depends on the amount of rain it gets. Red Shimarucus tend to taste better than orange. The fruit has super power: a true vitamin bomb. Adults only need to eat 3-4 of these berries to meet their daily recommended amount of Vitamin C. Season: Rainy months (Oct-Jan).

Tamarind



A delicious, sweet fruit that has a wide variety of uses and applications, both for medicinal and culinary purposes. It is a medium-sized bushy tree with evergreen leaves and fruit that develops in pods characterized by long, brown shells. Inside is a sticky, fleshy, juicy pulp, which is the Tamarind fruit. Both sweet and sour in taste, the fruit contains a significant level of vitamin C, as well as vitamin E, B vitamins, calcium, iron, phosphorous, potassium, manganese, and dietary fiber. There are also a number of organic compounds that make tamarind a powerful antioxidant and anti-inflammatory agent. Season: March.

When it comes to veggies the island certainly offers a home-grown selection. They taste delicious and have their specific talents to boost your immune system. Start the day with a 'batida' (smoothie) enriched with a local veggie touch or select your restaurant that offers local vegetable dishes to get the real pure taste of it.

Comcomber chiquito

This is a sort of local squash, but looks like a cucumber with prickly skin. The taste however is bitterer than the cucumber and the vegetable is smaller in size but bigger in width. Inside is a soft, fleshy pulp and seeds, just like the cucumber. Comcomber chiquito is grown in the island and used in salads and 'stoba' (stew) or on its own in vinegar. The veggie contains multiple B vitamins, including vitamin B1, vitamin B5, and vitamin B7 (biotin). B vitamins are known to help ease feelings of anxiety and buffer some of the damaging effects of stress. Additionally this veggie is rich in two of the most basic elements needed for healthy digestion: water and fiber. Season: year-round.

Yambo

Family of Okra, also known as 'lady's fingers': a green flowering plant. Okra belongs to the same plant family as hibiscus and cotton. A classic favorite dish in Aruba is Sopi di yambo. It has long been favored as a food for the health-conscious. It contains potassium, vitamin B, vitamin C, folic acid, and calcium. It's low in calories and has a high dietary fiber content. Recently, a new benefit of including okra in your diet is being considered. Okra has been suggested to help manage blood sugar in cases of type 1, type 2, and gestational diabetes. Season: year-round.

Bonch'i Cunucu

A long, small bean, boiled for a side dish or snack. Long beans have a chewy, crunchy texture—more so than snap beans—and a flavor reminiscent of the dry navy bean or asparagus. Besides stir-fry, soups and salads, the long bean is a good choice for stewing, braising (to remain chewy and firm), sautéing, shallow frying, and deep frying. With cooking, the long bean's bean flavor intensifies. Long beans are low in calories, about 45 calories per cup, and rich in vitamin A and also contain vitamin C and potassium. Season: year-round.

Pampuna



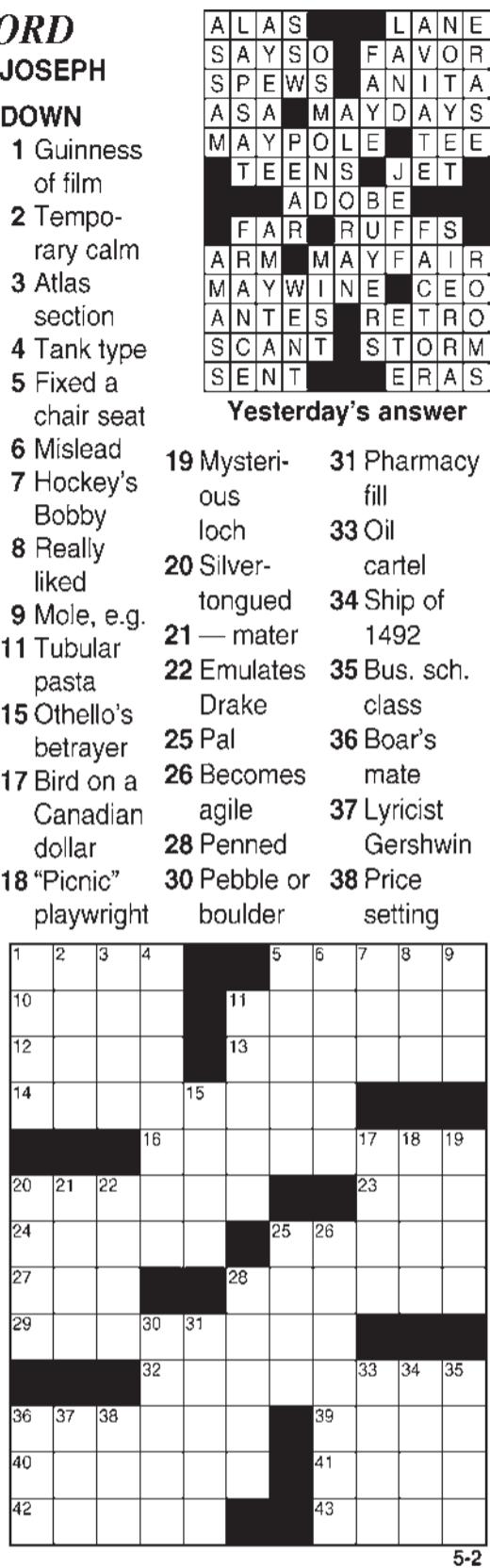
In the endless summer of Caribbean living we only have to concern ourselves with a wet season and a dry season. Still we do indulge heavily in the pleasures of pumpkin and enjoy Caribbean pumpkin recipes year round. A popular dish in Aruban restaurants is Sopa Di Pompuna, don't miss it. This dish is made of pumpkin soup, and parsley. Pumpkins are rich in flavonoid polyphenolic antioxidants such as xanthin, lutein and carotenes and also contain vitamins. Pumpkin seeds are a good source of omega-3 fatty acids, vitamins, minerals and proteins. Pumpkins are used to make desserts, breads and soups. □

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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— Q.V. GOCIPMAP

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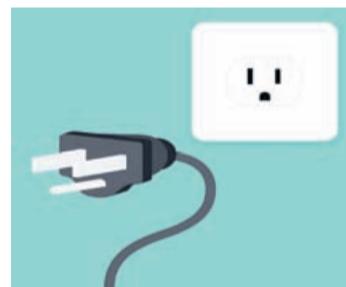
Supermarket hours



(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basic but important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.

lets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.

Electrical power



Drinking water



Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.

Safety



The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.

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Young people, whose futures are at stake in UN climate talks, push through anger to fight for hope



Activists participate in a demonstration at the COP29 U.N. Climate Summit, Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024, in Baku, Azerbaijan. Associated Press.

By MELINA WALLING
Associated Press

BAKU, Azerbaijan (AP) — Young people who attend the United Nations climate talks have a lot to be angry about. They've lost loved ones and months of school. They've lost homes and family farms and connections to their families' native lands.

They haven't lost hope, though. Not yet.

"It has become so tiring for me to be just a poster child," said Marinel Ubaldo, who by age 16 had watched two back-to-back supersized typhoons destroy entire communities in her native Philippines. Missing a chunk of high school in the aftermath, because there was no school to go back to, was a wake-up call. Now

27, COP29 will be her sixth time attending the summit where leaders negotiate the future she will inherit.

"I guess I'm very pessimistic, but I'm going to be positive that this COP could actually bring more clarity," she said.

Her pessimism isn't unwarranted. Fewer leaders were in attendance this year, with a backdrop of uncertainty as political will on climate unravels in major countries like the U.S. and Germany. While many passionate youth want to protest, this will be the third straight COP in an authoritarian country with tighter controls on protests and speech. And for many of the young people hardest hit by climate extremes, it's simply difficult and expensive to get to the confer-

ence.

"We have this constant challenge of having sometimes the youth forums with spaces at the margins of the decision maker spaces," said Felipe Paullier, assistant secretary general for youth affairs in the United Nations youth office. That's why the U.N. has been working to institutionalize the role of youth in the climate talks, he said.

And climate change has a disproportionate impact on children around the world. Their growing bodies have a harder time handling extreme heat, which also causes an uptick in premature births and childhood malnutrition, said UNICEF assistant secretary-general Kitty van der Heijden.

"We are simply not doing good enough for children in this world. We are failing children," she said.

All of that means young people are feeling the bur-

den of speaking up about climate change more than ever. And many of those who come to COP, and even some of the ones who don't, said they feel tired weighed down by the knowledge that year after year, they show up to speak and don't have a lot to show for it. This was the third year in a row that Earth's projected warming hasn't improved. □



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Rafael Nadal loses at the Davis Cup in what could be his last match

By HOWARD FENDRICH

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MALAGA, Spain (AP) — Rafael Nadal bit his lower lip and his eyes scanned the stands as he stood alongside his Davis Cup teammates for Spain's national anthem Tuesday before what he and everyone knew might be the last match of his career, a 6-4, 6-4 loss to Botic van de Zandschulp of the Netherlands. There were no tears streaming down Nadal's cheeks, no outward sign of what this moment meant to the 22-time Grand Slam champion, even amid the roars of a sign- and flag-toting crowd, mostly here for one player and one player only. Nadal said beforehand that the emotions would need to wait, that this week was about attempting to claim one last title for his country, not about his impending retirement.

The 38-year-old Spaniard announced last month this event would be it for him as a professional tennis player after two years of injuries that limited him to competing only sparingly, but no one could be sure if that end would arrive in Tuesday's quarterfinals or later in the Davis Cup Final 8, which wraps up Sunday. Nadal's defeat in the opening contest was only the start of the best-of-three Spain vs. Netherlands matchup on an indoor hard court at the sold-out Palacio de Deportes Jose Maria Martin Carpena in southern Spain. It was to be followed by No. 3 Carlos Alcaraz against No. 40 Tallon Griekspoor later Tuesday, and doubles, too, if the teams were tied 1-all after singles.

So it was up to Nadal's countrymen to extend his career. If Spain managed to advance to the semifinals, Nadal's playing days could continue. If the Netherlands were to win, he would be finished.

"It's amazing that it might be the last match that Nadal plays," Dutch captain Paul Haarhuis said beforehand, "and we hope



Spain's tennis player Rafael Nadal reacts during a Davis Cup quarterfinal match against Netherlands' Botic Van De Zandschulp at Martin Carpena Sports Hall in Malaga, southern Spain, on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024.

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to give him a nice 'Adios.'" When it ended, with Nadal ranging to his left but not quite able to get into proper position and putting a forehand into the net, he walked to the net for a quick hug with his opponent.

In certain ways, this was, unmistakably, the Nadal everyone remembers. The white headband, marked with the red bull logo he made famous. The white tape wrapped around all four of his left, racket-holding fingers. The water bottles by his sideline bench, placed just so.

There was the occasional ace right on a line. The occasional serve-and-volley foray forward. The occasional over-the-shoulder putaway.

And, yes, the occasional hop and uppercut and scream of "Vamos!" after claiming a key point or closing out a game.

There also were, neither to Nadal's nor most of the 9,200 spectators' liking, several points where he did look like what he truly is right now: a once-dominant figure diminished by age and injuries. His forehand didn't always have the same verve, and his total of 10 groundstroke winners was barely half of van de Zandschulp's 19. His footwork



Netherlands' tennis player Botic Van De Zandschulp competes against Spain's Rafael Nadal during a Davis Cup quarterfinal match at Martin Carpena Sports Hall in Malaga, southern Spain, on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024.

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and speed were hardly what they once were, no matter how many chants of "Ra-fa!" or "España!" broke out in a bid to spur him.

This result ended Nadal's 29-match winning streak in Davis Cup singles; the only other blemish on his record, which stood at 29-1 entering Tuesday, came in his debut all the way back in 2004.

But this version of Nadal had hip issues, including surgery in June 2023, and abdominal problems that combined to limit him to only 23 matches over the past two years. He was 12-7

in singles in 2024 before Tuesday.

Indeed, the match against van de Zandschulp who upset Alcaraz at the U.S. Open was Nadal's first outing that counted since early August at the Paris Olympics. He lost there in the second round of singles to Novak Djokovic and bowed out in the doubles quarterfinals alongside Alcaraz.

Nadal and Alcaraz at 21, a four-time major champion considered his heir apparent practiced with each other hours before the start of play. The run-up to this

Davis Cup has largely been about memories of, and tributes to, Nadal including a lengthy post on social media by his rival and friend Roger Federer.

Nadal will forever be remembered for his rivalries with Federer and Djokovic as part of the Big Three of men's tennis, a trio of generational talents who ruled the sport for much of the past two decades.

Federer, now 43, announced his departure in 2022; only Djokovic, 37, remains active.

All three were talented. All three were successful. All three were popular.

Nadal's appeal with fans was in the way he played and the humble way he conducted himself away from a court, which might explain why there were fans wearing the orange representing Netherlands who applauded for him when he was introduced. Or why there were spectators from countries other than Spain who toted their nations' flags bearing messages supporting him.

The locals expressed their love over and over, from the raucous standing ovation that greeted his entrance to the court. During pre-match player introductions, as Nadal's many accomplishments were read over the speaker system, there were yells that greeted the listing of each of the 14 years he won the French Open on its red clay and each of the five times he helped Spain claim the Davis Cup.

In an example of the sort of home-court advantage frequently seen at this team event more soccer rowdiness than stereotypical tennis gentleness they jeered and whistled whenever the contingent of Netherlands fans in a small section of the lower bowl tried to offer encouragement to their guy.

During play, Nadal's backers shouted "Si, se puede!" ("Yes, you can!") to try to encourage him. Nadal, simply, could not. □

New era of college football could help other teams replicate Indiana's remarkable rise

By STEVE MEGARGEE

AP Sports Writer

Indiana has made the type of turnaround that had only happened once before at the power-conference level over the last decade.

But this new era of college football with unbalanced schedules and loosened transfer restrictions might make such dramatic transformations more common.

"I think any P4 school with the proper commitment is capable of being successful and being ultimately successful because really the difference between victory and defeat in most of these games is very slight, slim," Indiana coach Curt Cignetti said. "It's all attainable."

Cignetti just agreed to terms on an eight-year contract as No. 5 Indiana prepares for arguably the biggest game in program history, a showdown Saturday at No. 2 Ohio State. Cignetti's new deal gives him an annual salary of \$8 million plus a \$1 million annual retention bonus.

He earned that raise when Indiana won its first 10 games this season after going 3-9 the year before his arrival.

"What he's done is utterly amazing," said Jimbo Fisher, the former Florida State and Texas A&M coach who now hosts a show on SiriusXM Radio.

"I think it's the best job in college football right now. I think he's national coach of the year."

If the pandemic-shortened 2020 season is taken out of consideration, Indiana is the 21st team since 1973 to win at least 10 games immediately after a season in which it had three wins or fewer, according to Spor-tradar.

Indiana is the first Power Four team to accomplish this since Michigan State went 10-3 in 2017 after going 3-9 in 2016. The last Power Four program to do it before Michigan State was Auburn, which was 3-9 in 2012 but went 12-1 and reached the BCS championship game in 2013.

Indiana's emergence has



Indiana players celebrate after defeating Michigan in an NCAA college football game in Bloomington, Ind., Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024.

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come in a season featuring many other dramatic rises and falls, whether it's Vanderbilt going from 2-10 in 2023 to beating Alabama and becoming bowl eligible this year, or Florida State winning just one game thus far after posting an undefeated regular-season record a year ago.

That lends credence to the notion that the loosening of transfer restrictions and the emergence of unbalanced schedules in super-sized conferences could enable other programs to replicate Indiana's rapid rebuild.

"I do think it's more conducive to happening, yes," Fisher said.

Now that players don't have to sit out a season after switching schools resulting in exponentially more transfers teams can reshape their rosters every year. Indiana opened the season with 27 transfer newcomers and had just 36 returning scholarship players.

The only Football Bowl Sub-division teams with fewer returning scholarship players were North Texas and Colorado, with 31 each.

"They just did a really good job of bringing in the right guys, bringing in the right people," said Michigan coach Sherrone Moore,

whose team lost at Indiana

20-15 on Nov. 9.

The fortunes of teams from year to year also can change depending on their conference schedules. The Big Ten has 18 teams playing nine conference games and the Southeastern Conference has 16 teams with an eight-game conference schedule.

That means some teams will have much tougher or easier schedules than their conference foes.

Only one of the 10 teams Indiana has beaten owns a winning record: Washington (6-5).

"I do think it will be that way because there are chances you're going to have years where you get to roll through a schedule that might not be the trickiest," said Dan Mullen, a former Florida and Mississippi State coach now working as an analyst for ESPN.

Mullen also noted that sometimes you don't know how favorable a schedule might be until the end of the season.

For instance, Indiana played Michigan and Washington, the two participants in last year's College Football Playoff championship game. Both are struggling to finish above .500 this year.

While the transfer portal and the unbalanced

schedules could make it easier for teams to rebuild on the fly, Indiana's rise included some unique elements.

After Cignetti left James Madison for Indiana, 13 players from his former school joined him.

Those former James Madison players already were familiar with Cignetti's approach and assisted Indiana's holdovers in adapting to it. That made for an easier transition than if all of Indiana's transfers had come from a variety of other programs.

"That whole JMU crew that came over really facilitated the culture change here, and they're all major contributors for the most part," Cignetti said. "Between the white lines and on defense you've got some real key guys playing at a high level. I think that familiarity with the program, the defense, the offense, the special teams has been extremely beneficial."

Big Ten Network analyst Gerry DiNardo wonders if Indiana's success might cause another Power Four program making a coaching change to try something similar by hiring a successful Group of Five coach who could bring along players from his for-

mer school.

"That is a new model," DiNardo said. "And that new model obviously is working, and that new model obviously could work again."

The help Indiana got from the transfer portal and its favorable schedule shouldn't diminish what the Hoosiers have accomplished. Revitalizing a program remains challenging even in this era. Just ask Nebraska and Wisconsin, two of Indiana's Big Ten rivals.

Both programs have much greater football traditions than Indiana, which had never won as many as 10 games in a season before this year. Nebraska's Matt Rhule and Wisconsin's Luke Fickell both in their second years had higher profiles than Cignetti had upon his arrival at Indiana. Yet the Cornhuskers and Badgers are at .500 heading into their Saturday matchup and recently made offensive coordinator changes.

DiNardo understands the enormity of Indiana's accomplishment better than most. He posted an 8-27 record as Indiana's coach from 2002-04 and knows the challenges of winning there.

He credits athletic director Scott Dolson for bucking the trend of hiring an up-and-coming offensive coordinator and instead choosing the 63-year-old Cignetti, who had a proven record of head coaching success at smaller programs.

"Scott Dolson, he deserves a lot of credit for this decision," DiNardo said last week, before Cignetti got his new deal. "And I think he will continue to support the football coach at a high level, more than previous athletic directors have. It's not just a one-year deal for Scott."

He will give the football coach what he needs to be successful. That wasn't always true.

It was always true that the AD would give the basketball coach what they need to be successful. I think Scott will do both." □



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Jets fire general manager Joe Douglas after team goes 3-8 to start the season

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.

AP Pro Football Writer

The New York Jets have fired general manager Joe Douglas, the latest shakeup in what has been a hugely disappointing season.

Douglas was in the final year of his contract after being hired in 2019. The Jets are 3-8 in a season that began with Super Bowl aspirations with a healthy Aaron Rodgers at quarterback. But they struggled to a 2-3 start, and team owner Woody Johnson fired coach Robert Saleh on Oct. 8.

The Jets decided to also part ways Tuesday with Douglas, who was 30-64 in his tenure with the Jets.

"Today, I informed Joe Douglas he will no longer serve as the general manager of the New York Jets," Johnson said in a state-



New York Jets general manager Joe Douglas speaks to reporters at the team's training facility in Florham Park, N.J., on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2024.

Associated Press.

ment issued by the team. "I want to thank Joe for his

commitment to the Jets over the last six years and

wish him and his family the best moving forward."

Johnson also announced that Phil Savage, who has served as a senior football adviser since 2019, will be the Jets' interim general manager for the rest of the season. Johnson said the team would immediately begin the process of finding a new GM.

Douglas was not consulted by Johnson when the owner made the decision to dismiss Saleh and replace him on an interim basis with defensive coordinator Jeff Ulbrich. That was a clear indication that Douglas' job could also be in jeopardy.

"I come in here every day and just want to do whatever I can to help this team reach its goals and reach its destination," Douglas said two weeks ago when asked if he was worried about his job status. □

US runner Shannon Rowbury on course for 2012 Olympic medal after Russian disqualified

By JAMES ELLINGWORTH
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The results of the London Olympics are still changing more than 12 years later.



Shannon Rowbury of the United States, right, celebrates her win in the women's 3000m during the Diamond League athletics meet at The Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, London, Friday, July 26, 2013.

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Shannon Rowbury of the United States took another step toward a long-delayed bronze medal on Tuesday when Russian run-

ner Tatyana Tomashova was officially disqualified from the women's 1,500 meters final at the London Games.

The Athletics Integrity Unit, which oversees doping cases in track and field, said Tomashova had not filed an appeal against a doping ban she was given at the Court of Arbitration for Sport in September.

That means the decision is "final and binding" in the records of World Athletics, and the International Olympic Committee has been informed, the AIU added.

"We are committed to protecting the integrity of athletics and, even when events have long passed, we will investigate potential violations fully," AIU

chair David Howman said in a statement. "I believe this outcome will still be meaningful for those who are justly recognised as a consequence."

Tomashova's disqualification should also raise Abeba Aregawi into the silver medal position. She was competing for Ethiopia at the time and later represented Sweden.

Tomashova was given a 10-year doping ban in September. The court said at the time that she tested positive for anabolic steroids in samples she gave in June and July 2012, weeks ahead of the Olympics in London. The AIU has said the case was based on records that emerged much later indicating dop-

ing cover-ups at what was then the Moscow anti-doping laboratory.

The women's 1,500 final ranks among the most tainted events in Olympic history following more than a decade of doping revelations and legal battles.

The original gold and silver medalists from Turkey, Asli Cakir Alptekin and Gamze Bulut, have long since been disqualified and banned for doping, and so have other athletes.

Tomashova was originally the fourth-place finisher and Rowbury crossed the line sixth.

There might be another long wait for the medals. The IOC has final approval to reallocate medals. □